

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

SMITH, Adam (Democrat)
Representative, 9th District, Washington
Elected 1996 to the 105th Congress
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



BACKGROUND

Born: Washington, D.C. - 15 June 1965

Home: Kent, Washington

Marital Status: Married (Sara) - 1 child

Religion: Christian

Education: Fordham University; University of Washington Law School, J.D.

Military: None specified

Profession: Public official; prosecutor

Political: Washington Senate, '91-96. In 1996 defeated incumbent Rep Randy Tate (R) with 51% of vote. Reelected in 2000 with 62% of the vote and in 2002 with 58%.

Rep Smith is a moderate Democrat with an independent streak. Serves as a co-chairman of the moderate New Democrat Coalition.

In the 105th Congress, voted to terminate production of the B-2 bomber built by Boeing in a neighboring district. Supported a theater missile defense system and reduction of nuclear weapons stockpiles. Supported funding for the F-22 and JSF, and ABL. Supported FY99 DoD auth bill, noting that it included \$82.5M for McChord AFB slated to prepare the facility for the arrival of 48 C-17 Globemaster III's.

In the 106th Congress, observed that our national security is best protected by making sure that the US maintains its leadership role in the technology economy, maintains a situation where we have the best encryption software and the best computers. Discussed on several occasions the national security implications of maintaining our leadership in the development of computers and encryption software. Made a statement in the CR in support of the F-22. Published a press release identifying items for his district included in the milcon appns conference report, which he supported. Also supported the FY 00 DoD Authorization bill. Signed additional views on the FY 00 DoD Authorization bill regarding section 1006, which includes language prohibiting the use of funds in FY 2000 for the purpose of conducting combat or peacekeeping operations in Yugoslavia; believed it sends the wrong message to Slobodan Milosevic and US forces now engaged in combat operations. Endorsed the concept of missile defense capabilities one notch lower than the "Star Wars" defense system embraced by the President--a theater missile defense system which could conceivably raise a missile defense to protect Japan, Taiwan and South Korea.

In the 107th Congress objected strongly to the inclusion of language in the FY03 DoD auth that he said would jeopardize wilderness study areas beneath the air space of the Utah Test & Training Range (UTTR). Signed a March 2002 letter to the SecAF urging that the Boeing 767 be selected over an Airbus competitor for leasing as a wide-bodied aerial tanker for the AF.

Additional: His wife is a lawyer. Has Army's Fort Lewis, Wyerhaeuser headquarters, office/industrial complexes around Sea-Tac Int'l Airport. Many constituents work at Boeing or at the shipyards in Tacoma. Member, Airpower Caucus; Navy-Marine Corps Caucus
AF Bases: McChord AFB; Reserve Forces

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